



Arlington Youth Health and Safety Coalition December Minutes

Date: December 5, 2019

Time: 5:30-7 pm

Location: *Whittemore Robbins House*

Attendance: Cindy Bouvier, Kerry Austin-Smith, Sarah Augood, Joe Curro, Lisa Reynolds, Colleen Legere.

Minutes:

Accept November 2019 meeting minutes. Sarah motioned to approve, Joe seconded, all approved the November meeting minutes.

Student Updates:

Although there were no students at the meeting, we discussed the number of students caught vaping nicotine. We don't have definite numbers of students vaping THC on School Property, but the Wellness Department had a conversation with the Deans to get their feedback and the impression is that a larger number than last year.

Parent Updates:

Sarah reported that the marijuana study group reviewed Special Permit Application for Recreational marijuana. Medical to Medical / Recreational = 3 Total dispensary spots available 2 host community agreements - agreements around prevention, etc. (minimal)

Community Updates:

Lisa Reynolds spoke about the need to reduce and remove vaping from the community and the need to partner with the Board of Health on this effort. Lisa spoke on the need to reduce nicotine content (more of a national initiative) Discussion on a Poster at the Robbins Library that depicts a success story and its ability to get one's life back.

Special Presentation:

Lisa Reynolds attended a session with the AG's office. Maura Healy was receptive and listened to parents talk about the impact of vaping on their teens. Two advocacy groups spoke. One called PACE and another from NY. People talked about ramification to substance use, Including: Dropping grades, stealing, ruined family vacations, family strife, etc. Lisa said there were reports of students struggling with addiction, who left a district and then said they couldn't come

back due to falling back into addiction fears (and use within the community) would not set up a good learning environment for them.

We talked briefly about upcoming events.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 *pm*. Next meeting is scheduled for January 2nd 2020